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Attorney Docket No. 3873 P 010 (4110 P 003)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kiamars Hajizadeh and Zakir S. Murtaza
Application No.: 09/993,391
Confirmation No.: 4943
Filed On: November 14, 2001

Examiner: Counts, Gary W.

Art Unit: 1641

For: Rapid Prion-Detection Assay

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION
OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Dear Sir:

Applicants in the above-identified Application request a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on March 28, 2005. With this Extension, the time to respond is now set at June 28, 2005. Applicant submits herewith a check in the sum of \$490.00 for the three month extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit our Account No. 23-0280 for any payment deficiencies in this matter. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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Dated: June 27, 2005

By:

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with first class postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 27, 2005.

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